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Ticking packages put stop to mail delivery

By CMSgt. Linda L. Keel
Regional Postal Manager

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and postal personnel at the United Kingdom Aerial Mail Terminal at RAF Alconbury were busy processing your mail. As they were loading packages onto the mail truck going to Heathrow International Airport, they heard a ticking sound from a package.

In the postal world, a ticking package starts a chain of events aimed at saving lives and property. The Aerial Mail Terminal NCOIC, following "possible bomb-in-the-mail" procedures, called the security forces and evacuated and secured the building. Security forces examined the package and then called in the explosives ordinance demolition team from RAF Lakenheath. X-rays revealed batteries and a small electronic device. Since they could not identify the device and the customs tag simply said "clothes and toys," the installation commander gave permission for EOD to destroy the package under a controlled explosion.

The explosion was small. That Monday, we returned the remains to the sender.

The above may sound like an exercise scenario – it's not! Failure to follow correct mailing procedures can be dangerous to personnel and property, and a waste of resources.

Eight postal personnel had to work five hours overtime to make up the five hours lost until the security forces declared the area safe.

Processing of all outbound U.S. mail from the United Kingdom was delayed five hours; some may not have met the cutoff times to meet flights, causing a 24-hour mail

movement delay.

For some postal patrons, a 24-hour delay may mean they now have to pay an overcharge on a bill.

The U.S. government has to pay a demurrage fee for holding the contracted truck that transports our mail to Heathrow.

We tied up five security forces members and three Ministry of Defense police officers, and they weren't available to attend to an alarm malfunction. Also, the desk sergeant was tied up with making notifications and coordinating efforts.

The EOD team has to come out on Sunday afternoon, making the two-hour round trip from Lakenheath to Alconbury.

The person who sent the package spent \$10.55 in postage for a package that shouldn't have been mailed. He will not be reimbursed.

How can you prevent this?

If you're in doubt on what's mailable, call your local post office for information.

Do not mail articles with batteries installed.

Laws governing domestic and international mail require you to fully describe the contents on customs forms. Take the time to adequately fill them out.

USAF 50th Anniversary Fact:



The 2nd Bombardment Group arrived at RAF Lakenheath Aug. 6-13, 1948. At this time, there were 443 Royal Air Force and 781 U.S. Air Force personnel assigned to the base.

Action lines

The Action Line is your direct link to me for complaints, suggestions, or comments. It's not intended to replace the chain of command. When normal command and agency channels haven't been able to resolve your concerns, call (Ext. 2324), fax (Ext. 5367), e-mail (Action_Line), send through distribution (48FW/PA), mail (48 FW/PA, Unit 5210 Box 215 APO AE 09464-0215), or hand carry your Action Line to the public affairs office (Bldg. 1085). You may remain anonymous; to receive a reply, leave your name, unit, duty or home phone number, and full APO mailing address. Names are confidential.



Michael McGinty
48th Fighter Wing
commander

Spreading the word

I wanted to thank you and your staff for a most enjoyable visit to Lakenheath. I particularly enjoyed meeting with all of your folks in the Family Support Center. They are doing great work and I'm really proud of each and every one of them. I also enjoyed meeting with your commanders to discuss personnel issues. I hope you find the information helpful and will help me to spread the word. Again – to you and your great folks at Lakenheath – many thanks.

Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty
Deputy chief of staff, personnel

Awareness is key to crime prevention

By MSgt. Harold Jeghers
48th Security Forces Squadron

Domestic and international terrorism is a crime. Awareness is the key to successful crime prevention.

Like any crime, there are some measures we can all use to avoid, detect and minimize the potential for becoming a victim of terrorism. Antiterrorism awareness is an individual responsibility. We all benefit from a coordinated awareness effort.

As a citizen of the United States in an overseas area, certain safety issues need more attention. Especially when serving in the military, you directly or indirectly represent our government. We truly are "ambassadors" both on and off duty. You have opportunities for close contact with diverse cultures in foreign countries. Most Americans only read about or see distant lands on television. Serving your country overseas also invites an increased exposure to potential terrorist acts.

You can never really be too security conscious. Terrorism by its very nature thrives on unpredictable acts applied randomly to a wide spectrum of victims. Truly, some victims are just in the wrong place at the wrong time. No amount of personal awareness can prevent this rendezvous with terror. Fortunately many law enforcement and security agencies work hard to thwart terrorist activity. Terrorist Threat Conditions help identify local and regional risk levels assessed for United States personnel and facilities.

What is Vigilant Defender? The 48th Security Forces Squadron developed Operation Vigilant Defender to promote antiterrorism awareness within our military community. Working together

we can provide the best possible deterrence to crime, including terrorism. Vigilant Defender is a concept helping focus and raise local antiterrorism awareness. Everyone should be a vigilant defender. Your alertness will complement normal and expanded security measures. Know your own surroundings, if something is just not right, be curious. Take an interest in what's going on around the community. Investigate situations prompting your curiosity. Report suspicious activity to the police. We are all partners against crime. Liberty Wing safety and security must be a shared responsibility. Force protection is the name of the game be an alert team player.

Q Can I help Vigilant Defender?

A Yes. Situation awareness is vital. THREATCONs can change rapidly, so know the current threat condition. Increase your vigilance accordingly. Be alert and report any suspicious activity to the Law Enforcement Desk at extension 2333 or (01638) 522333. If an obvious crime or terrorist act is occurring, dial 114, Crime Stop / Antiterrorism Hotline. Dial 999 for off base emergencies. Your call could be the first or only notification that a problem exists within the community. Many people assume a situation was already reported. Be safe and call.

Q Where can I obtain more antiterrorism information?

A Contact your unit security manager, AFOSI detachment, or Security Forces Resource Protection on Ext. 1423. When traveling outside the United States, any U.S. Embassy security office can offer assistance.

Follow simple steps to help prevent car crime

By SrA. Regina Wilson
48th Security Forces Squadron

Below are some useful tips to keep your cars safe.

Doors: always lock all doors every time you leave your car unattended.

Valuables: never leave valuables in plain view. Never leave them in an unattended car. Store them in a secure house.

Cassettes, CDs: if possible, purchase removable parts. Take them from the vehicle when they aren't being used. Don't leave tapes or discs in the car.

All property: security mark all property.

Location: the safest place for cars is in a locked garage. Choose parking spaces wisely. Use legal parking spots in busy areas. Don't park in remote corners. Make sure to use well-lit streets and parking areas.

Lower American profile: Often American military members are targeted for crime because local criminals assume we have better quality or a number of valuables to steal. While on base, display base registration forms, but store cards out of sight while off base. Try to blend vehicles into the local environment as much as possible.

Consider removing U.S. flags, military slogans, college names or other decals and bumper stickers advertising the American connection. Don't draw extra attention to cars. Plain-looking vehicles attract less "window shopping" from criminals.

Vehicle Watch: If your car is not normally used between midnight and 5 a.m., consider joining a local British police Vehicle Watch program. This program allows police to stop your car during these hours to ensure only legal owners or authorized people are using the car.

For more information, call the security forces crime prevention section at Ext. 1424.

Everyone holds key to opportunities

By MSgt. Harold Wescott
48th Supply Squadron

Opportunity, cost – how many times have you lent your ears to those words? What does it mean to you?

You are perhaps conjuring up in your mind some profound equation, where opportunity plus some other variable equals cost. Most of us perceive opportunity as a good thing and cost as something bad. The literal meanings are: opportunity is a favorable time or condition and cost is the amount of time spent or the loss or sacrifice of something. Now, for the sake of this article, let's call the variable personal effort.

We now have opportunity, cost, and personal effort. I had the opportunity to indulge myself with off-duty education at a 75 percent discount. The cost? Absorption of my personal time. As

a result of my personal effort, I have recently received my associates degree. This is one of my success stories. What's yours?

Personal efforts often generate opportunities. When you are involved in off-duty studies, support unit activities, contribute to community projects or hold a position on a base committee, you have just created an opportunity to possibly be recognized by a quarterly, yearly or special award program.

To most of us, the best recognition is moving up a notch on the pay scale. We all know promotions cost time and some sacrifice. It requires determination, dedication and focus. Again the opportunity is yours, so seize the chance to be a wing award winner and have your name read off the next promotion roster. Challenge yourself to seek more education, to be more involved in the unit and community. The bottom line is, you hold the key to great opportunities. The key is your personal effort – but understand its costs.

SGLI premiums drop

The Department of Veterans Affairs lowered the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance premium rates July 1. Efficient program management and low fatality rates are reasons for the reduction, according to personnel officials.

The new rates are:

Amount of coverage	Monthly Premium
\$200,000	\$17
\$190,000	\$16.15
\$180,000	\$15.30
\$170,000	\$14.45
\$160,000	\$13.60
\$150,000	\$12.75
\$140,000	\$11.90
\$130,000	\$11.05
\$120,000	\$10.20
\$110,000	\$9.35
\$100,000	\$8.50
\$90,000	\$7.65
\$80,000	\$6.80
\$70,000	\$5.95
\$60,000	\$5.10
\$50,000	\$4.25
\$40,000	\$3.40
\$30,000	\$2.55
\$20,000	\$1.70
\$10,000	\$0.85

Members should check their leave and earnings statement to ensure the correct amount is deducted each month. If there is a discrepancy or for more information, call the military personnel flight customer service at Ext. 1845.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Best wheels

Maj. John McQueen, 48th Transportation Squadron commander, inspects a vehicle for operator care during the 48th Fighter Wing Best Wheels quarterly competition. The 48th Medical Group took first place, while fuels management was first runner-up and 48th Component Repair Squadron was second runner-up.

Meet the new commander

Col. Mike Ehrlich 48th Support Group

Hometown: Fon du Lac, Wisc.

Time in service: 22 years

Recent career history: Commander 524th Fighter Squadron (F-111F) at Cannon AFB, N.M. followed by a tour on the joint staff, J-5, in Washington D.C. and most recently, attended Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

Leadership philosophy: Lead by example, listen to your people and take care of them.

Short-term goals: Go out and meet as many people as I can

Personal information: Married, three children, graduated from the University of California at Irvine and commissioned through OTS. Currently on my fourth overseas assignment -- two in the U.K. and one in Korea)

Hobbies: Racquetball, swimming, bowling and travel

How do you fulfill core values? They become an integral part of your life and are reflected in everything you do. For example, I believe people who excel have five common traits:

- ☐ They have enthusiasm;
- ☐ They are constantly sharpening their skills - education and training;
- ☐ They keep their word - integrity;
- ☐ They maintain a positive attitude;
- ☐ They do more than is expected.

What is the most exciting thing that's happened to you during your Air Force career? Meeting my wife Stacey.. and my three children.

Who's your favorite leader in history and why? President Roosevelt: his positive leadership style led our nation to greatness. His ability to motivate people into action resulted in our nation becoming a super power, militarily, economically and politically.

What's your philosophy of life and why? Life is great -- it's a reflection of your attitude and behavior. Abraham Lincoln said it best, "you decide each morning what kind of day you're going to have."

Who is your role model and why? My parents - they taught me the value of positive thinking and the importance of doing the "right thing" even when no one was looking

What do you like best about the Air Force? Our people, our mission, our values



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Services offers academic scholarships

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS)—Air Force Services is sponsoring three academic scholarship prizes in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.

"These scholarships will be awarded to eligible family members of Air Force Club members," said Frank Black, chief of the Clubs Branch at the Air Force Services Agency. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000."

Services, in conjunction with First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, will award the scholarship prizes by Oct. 1.

Scholarship entries must be submitted to a base club by Aug. 1. Air Force club members

and their family members are eligible to apply. Nominees must be high school graduates who have been accepted or are already attending an accredited college or university.

Nominations must include the sponsor's name, last six digits of their club membership card, base, club name, and the nominee's full name and mailing address. If the nominee is someone other than the club member, state their relationship to the member. A single-page summary of the nominee's long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must also be included. The summary should include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Nominees

must also provide an essay of 500 words or less, entitled "What Air Force Clubs mean to Air Force Members."

All nominations should be on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point arial, times new roman or similar font.

"This is just another example of how valuable club membership is," said Black. "If you're not a member of a club now, you're missing out on some great benefits and service."

For more information, please call the Liberty Club at Ext. 2489 or the officers' club at Ext. 2535.

Freezer burn

Commissary customers were interrupted Tuesday night when a fire started in an electrical freezer. Shoppers were evacuated and the fire department responded. Customers were not allowed back into the store as clean-up efforts lasted throughout the night.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Eberhart takes over as Air Force vice chief of staff

By SSgt. Michael Dorsey
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The new vice chief of staff of the Air Force assumed his duties in a Pentagon ceremony July 11. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart succeeded Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr. who retired after 35 years of service.

A week earlier, Eberhart received his fourth star from his boss, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman.

"It is quite a coincidence that 29 years ago this month another General Moorman [Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Sr.] handed me my diploma and commission," Eberhart said at the promotion ceremony. "This means so much to me. As I look around the room, three things come to mind: mentors, opportunities and friendship."

After paying tribute to leaders who helped shape his career, he acknowledged those in and out of uniform who supported him.

"When you think of mentors and friends, you come full circle to family. Everything is a team effort."

Eberhart was most recently the commander of U.S. Forces Japan, and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base where he served as the senior U.S. military representative in charge of all Air Force units in Japan.

Fogleman said the Air Force should be proud to have its newest member of the Air Staff.

"He's a proven leader and has excelled at every level of responsibility," Fogleman said. "I have every confidence he will step up to the challenge because he is that kind of dedicated individual."

Eberhart, according to Fogleman, will be responsible for "keeping the Air Staff focused on the mission and run the day-to-day Air Force operation in concert with commanders of major commands."

An Air Force Academy graduate, Eberhart is not a stranger to the Pentagon. He previously served as Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, and director of force structure, resources and assessment on the Joint Staff.

A command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in fighter and training aircraft, he flew 300 combat missions as a forward air controller in Vietnam.

News notes

3AF change of command

The 3rd Air Force change of command ceremony is today, 10 a.m., outside base operations, or in case of bad weather, it will be held in Hangar 715.

Bus passes ready

School bus passes are ready to be picked up at the Lakenheath and Feltwell school bus offices, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Bring your child or a 3.5 x 5 inch picture of your child. For details, call the Lakenheath office at Ext. 3752 or the Feltwell Office at Ext. 7331.

Postal office hour changes

Beginning Aug. 6, the post office parcel-mailing window opens 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday. Parcel pick-up hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Blood Drive

The Lakenheath blood donor center holds a blood drive Thursday. Appointments are available from 8:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m. Call Ext. 6524 for details.

Self-help news

Starting Monday, the self-help store is open Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The self-help store has fencing available for family and leased housing residents. The fencing will be distributed using a lottery system Aug. 1. The winners will receive enough fencing to enclose their back

yard. Entries for the lottery must be made in person at the self-help store by July 30.

Panthers' to roar at tattoo

The 494th Fighter Squadron competes in the annual Fairford airshow and Royal International Air Tattoo today, Saturday and Sunday at RAF Fairford. The Panthers will send two F-15 Strike Eagles to the air show which offers three different events in one: Fighter 97, Tiger 97 and the England's tribute to the U.S. Air Force 50th anniversary. The Fighter 97 event today includes ground competition and symposiums. The Tiger 97 meet, also today, is a NATO sponsored gathering of flying squadrons with cats included within their official emblems. The AF 50th Anniversary tribute is Saturday and Sunday and includes fly-bys and aerial demonstrations.

The airshow is open to the public and free for all military identification card holders.

TMO has new procedure for requesting changes

The traffic management office has new procedures for people requesting booking changes due to the volume of PCS moves and the increasing number of requests for changes of packout dates this season.

Members who have a confirmed booking date who desire a change must have written justification stating the reasons for the change. This request must also provide the original packout date. For more information, call 89-2202.

Liberty Warrior

'Can do' person of the week



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Carmen Gonzalez

American Red Cross

Hometown: New York City

Time in service: 2 ½ years

Role in mission: Assists with providing emergency communications and other related services, assists with the management of the ARC volunteer programs and services.

Favorite book: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin.

What would you most like the change about the Air Force? I would recommend mandatory training for military spouses concerning military lifestyles, responsibilities and the role they play in the military mission.

What was the last book you read? My American Journey, by Colin Powell.

Why did you read it? I admire and respect Powell. I wanted to know or discover what positive and negative influences helped mold his character.

What do you want your children to be when they grow up? I want them to be productive members of society and live by, and practice, the values that my husband and I have taught them.

What has been your most memorable experience in Europe? When I traveled to another European country and discovered I had left my passport.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Residing in the Caribbean, and the owner of a successful international business.

Who is your role model and why? Jesus Christ, because he lived by the truth.



Volunteer work appreciated

Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Alan Duncan, Forest Heath District Council, (left), presents a certificate of appreciation from the community of Red Lodge to TSgt. Mike Stephens, 494th Fighter Squadron, accompanied by his wife Elizaeth. Technical sergeant Stephens voluntarily worked more than 60 hours on his computer, designing tee shirts, flyers and posters for the Red Lodge fun run.

Dentists extract thanks from Beninese locals

By SSgt. Jeff Troth
30th Medical Brigade public affairs office

The whine of a drill grinding away at a tooth is what most people think of when “dental visit” is mentioned.

For the 650 Beninese citizens seen by U.S. dentists during a MEDFLAG mission this spring to Africa, the fear of an electric drill was not necessary – there was no electricity at the school houses where the dentists set up their clinics. And electricity wasn’t all that was missing.

“I learned to do without all the comforts of a dental clinic,” said SrA. Johanny Manning, a dental assistant with the 48th Dental Squadron, stationed at RAF Lakenheath. “I also learned what ‘Army ingenuity’ means and what field dentistry is all about.”

Three airmen from the 48th joined 70 other airmen, soldiers and sailors for a two-week deployment to the sub-Saharan country of Benin where they helped to improve more than 16,500 lives with dental care, medical treatment and immunizations.

“Some of these people haven’t seen a doctor in this decade, maybe not in this century,” said John Yates, American Ambassador to Benin, an African country on the Gulf of Guinea, flanked by Togo and Nigeria.

The 48th airmen teamed up with their Army counterparts from the 464th Medical Company (Dental Services) located at Lundstul, Germany, to create field clinics with folding dental chairs, hand tools and battery-powered lights strapped to their heads.

“Being a dentist on a MEDFLAG is about the same as being in a clinic, except for one small exception – you don’t have the state of the art equipment, such as suction and lights, to do your job,” said Dr. (Capt.) Anthony Vitali, a dentist with the 48th.

Because of the lack of power, the dental teams limited themselves to two types of treatment – extractions and treating infections with antibiotics. But even with this “limited practice” the dentists had to change their tactics for removing decayed teeth.

“In the rear, we have rotary tools to grind away bone and section teeth. Here we are limited to hand tools,” said Army Dr. (Maj.) Robert L. Holmes, a dentist with the 464th. “Because we have no power and no air to run our turbine-driven tools, we used hammers and chisels when necessary.” Lack of electricity was not the main reason for providing limited care. The number of patients to be treated was the determining factor. According to Holmes, a dentist can extract a tooth in five to 10 minutes, where restorations usually take 30 to 45 minutes.



(Photo by SSgt. Jeff Troth)

Dr. (Capt.) Anthony Vitali works on a Beninese soldier as SrA. Johanny Manning assists him.

“The idea was to do the most good for the most people,” he said. “So the most definitive, one-time-thing we could do for them was extractions. This treatment would relieve pain and also infections.” Despite the limited treatment available, villagers walked for miles and waited in 100 degree heat for their opportunity to be seen by a U.S. dentist.

“The people were very caring and appreciated any treatment that we could give them,” said Army Sgt. Cassandra Snow, a dental assistant with the 464th. For some of the villagers that care meant a class on how

to use a toothbrush and tooth paste – a big change from their normal daily dental hygiene, which is chewing on a stick.

Although the majority of Benin’s population can still be seen chewing on their stick each morning, the 18 dental troops know that their time in Africa had an effect for those they saw.

“One thing I will remember the most is the knowledge that I made a difference in someone’s life,” said Vitali. “Someone who would not have had the chance for dental care if we hadn’t of been there.”

A photograph showing two men, one in a purple shirt and one in a light shirt, standing next to a military aircraft. The aircraft's canopy is open, and the man in the purple shirt is looking into it. The aircraft has "ACMI" and "BI43" markings on its side.

On the Cover
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Squadron



By SrA. Lisa Krebs
Public affairs

“It’s hard to imagine the anger we had, so angry as young men,” said David. He emphasized the word ‘angry’ with a quiet intensity that gave only a sense of the rage the young British pilots must have felt before each battle. “We got tired of those black crosses flying in the sky dropping bombs on our country, our homes, our mothers and fathers.”

Through pitched aerial battle that summer in 1940, more than 1,300 Luftwaffe aircraft were

"Lest we forget,"



Group Commander Dennis David, left, and Col. Doug Richardson, 48th Fighter Wing commander, unveil the memorial stone.

"It's only a small gesture, but we as a free people can only hope," said pilots who fought so well," said Richardson. "As for me, I'll 'Never in the field of human endeavor' owed by so many to so many."

Some of 'The Few' were Americans

By MSgt. Bill Harris
48 FW historian

ual reunion

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every silver-haired head
moment passed.

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mander P.P.C.
Barthropp, a Battle
of Britain veteran.
"Rudgard Kipling
said it best."

The Battle of
Britain Fighter Pi-
lots reunion began
in 1971 at RAF
Alconbury, and was
held there annually
until the base
closed. Since 1992,
RAF Lakenheath
has carried on the
tradition.

"We are deeply
conscious of the
generosity, and kind-
ness in our country," said
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avid unveiled the Battle
the 150 people attending
Titled, "The Few," it's
history of the aerial en-
summer, 57 years ago.
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sture of the gratitude that
ffer to those brave, young
ll in the summer of 1940,"
Winston Churchill said,
man conflict was so much
few."

The 48th Fighter Wing was recently
host to Battle of Britain Fighter As-
sociation veterans for their annual reunion.
During the Battle of Britain, Royal Air Force
pilots held off the German air assault and a
Nazi invasion was averted. One startling
fact is that Americans participated in the
four-month struggle, flying in the uniforms
of the RAF and setting some rather interest-
ing historical precedents themselves.

While the war in Europe seemed distant for
most Americans, others felt drawn to the
glamour and glory of aerial combat. Such was
the case with three rather interesting charac-
ters with the names of E.Q. "Red" Tobin,
Andy Mamedoff and Shorty Keough. Tobin
was a tall, loose-limbed Jimmy Stewart type.
Mamedoff was second in height, a tubby
fellow with a round face and a ready-grown RAF mus-
tache. Keough stood 4 feet 10 inches and required
cushions to build up his cockpit seat. Keough, nonethe-
less, proved to be a miracle pilot, capable of making the
Spitfire perform better things than the RAF test pilots did.

These three farm boys, known as the comedy trio,
found themselves flying Spitfires for the 609th Squadron
during the most intense part of the Battle of Britain. While
with the squadron, each scored numerous aerial victo-
ries. On Sept. 15, the day the Luftwaffe launched its
maximum effort against the RAF, every pilot flew four
sorties each. Upon landing, the exhausted pilots were
called to Church Fenton to begin organizing the 71st
Squadron, the first of the famous Eagle Squadrons.

At the request of the Air Ministry, Prime Minister
Winston Churchill formed the 71st, and later
121st and 133rd Squadrons in an effort to convince the
United States to enter the war against Germany. The
U.S. Army Air Forces would later use these pilots as
the core for its first fighter group in the European
theater.

Each one of these pilots left their legacies with their



Courtesy photos

From left, Dick McMinn, Bill O'Reagan, Stan Anderson, Pete Peterson, Oscar Coen, Bob Boock and Jim Clark with the 334th Squadron at Debden in January 1943.

squadron mates. Their combat experience and dedica-
tion to cause provided the experience so badly needed
by the pilots that comprised the three Eagle Squad-
rons. One such pilot, a blond-haired dropout from
Brigham Young University, was named Chesley
Peterson. Peterson joined the 71st Squadron in Octo-
ber, 1940 and soon became one of the most colorful
pilots of the entire war.

Peterson flunked out of flying training at Randolph
Field because his instructors said, "He wouldn't
amount to anything." Nonetheless, his determination
led him to become an Eagle ace with nine enemy planes
to his credit (and three more after leaving the RAF). He
was also shot down four times. He later commanded
the 71st Squadron and led it to become one of the
squadrons most feared by the Luftwaffe and most
respected by the RAF. He also married motion picture
personality Audrey Boyes.

In August 1942, the three Eagle Squadrons were
absorbed into the U.S. Army Air Forces as the 4th
Fighter Group and would later hold the distinction of
destroying more enemy aircraft than any USAAF unit
in WW II. With the rank of
lieutenant colonel, Peterson
became the group's deputy
commander. Eight months later,
Peterson, at the tender but ex-
perienced age of 23, pinned on
colonel—a record that still
stands in U.S. Air Force his-
tory.

On May 27, 1953, Colonel
Chesley Peterson assumed
command of the newly-acti-
vated 48th Fighter-Bomber
Wing at Chaumont Air Base,
France. As commander,
Peterson led the 48th to be-
come the premiere fighter wing
within USAF and was respon-
sible for giving the wing its
current designation as the
"Statue of Liberty Wing."



E.Q. "Red" Tobin



Canterbury more than just tales . . .

By Linda Laws
Community relations advisor

Tucked away in a quiet corner of south-east England lies the city of Canterbury, which celebrates a history more than 1,400 years old. Canterbury was occupied by the Romans in the 1st century AD. In the late 6th century it became the capital of Ethelbert, king of Kent.

The town subsequently became a Saxon religious and cultural centre before it was raided periodically between the 8th and 11th centuries. The Danes burned down the cathedral in 1011. During the 16th century French and Flemish protestant refugees introduced the textile industry to Canterbury.

Saint Augustine: In the spring of 597 AD, Augustine and forty followers arrived on the Kent coast. Augustine was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to re-establish Christianity in southern England. When the party arrived in Canterbury they were welcomed by the pagan king of Kent, Ethelbert, and his Christian Queen Bertha. Augustine's mission was accomplished in a short time because by the end of the year 10,000 Anglo-Saxons and their King had embraced Christianity.

Cathedral: One of the most notorious events which took place in Canterbury cathedral was the slaying of Thomas Becket on the altar steps by King Henry II's henchmen in 1170. Becket was chancellor of England and archbishop.

The king is alleged to have said, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest?" And so they went to the cathedral to carry out their master's wishes.

The site of the cathedral originally had an old Roman church on it. This church



Canterbury Castle

was given to St. Augustine by King Ethelbert in 598 AD.

St. Augustine was Canterbury cathedral's first archbishop, and today the cathedral is the administrative centre of the Church of England with an archbishop who is also the Primate of All England.

The original building was destroyed by fire in 1067 and was rebuilt in the Norman style between 1070 and 1180, with additions being made in the 15th and 19th centuries.

Spooky Canterbury: The new Canterbury Ghost Tour takes to the streets and uncovers some of the ghostly secrets locked within the city.

Among the stories are legends surrounding the murder of St. Thomas Becket and the story of Nell Cook and the curse of the dark entry.

Tours are offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights April-August and start at 6:30 p.m. outside the Canterbury Tales Visitor Attraction on St. Margaret's Street.

The price for adults is £4 and £3 for children.

Queen Bertha's walk: A permanent walk has been created, linking the three parts of Canterbury's World Heritage Site: the cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's church. The trail commemorates the route taken by the Christian wife of King Ethelbert of Kent daily for 35 years to pray at St. Martin's church, hence the name "Queen Bertha's Walk."

The Canterbury Tales Visitor Attraction: Step into the 14th century to encounter Chaucer's pilgrims and hear their famous tales of chivalry, romance and intrigue. They are full of surprises.

(Editor's note: In last week's article, an incorrect phone number was given for the Ministry of Defense Police. The correct number is (01638) 523784.)

Around the area

Dover Castle:

Perched high on the famous White Cliffs of Dover stands one of the largest and most complete fortresses in Britain. It has a history dating from the Iron Age to beyond the Second World War. Visit the secret wartime tunnels which contain the World War II operations centre and see where the evacuation of Dunkirk was masterminded. Dover castle is open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 1 to Sept. 30, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 1 to Mar. 31. Closed Dec. 24-26. Adults £6, children £3. Call (01304) 201628 for further information.

Battle Abbey:

With as much myth as known fact surrounding the conflict of the Battle of Hastings in 1066, it is thought that town of Battle is the site where the famous battle was fought and the defeated King Harold may have fallen at the spot which is now the ruins of Battle Abbey, built by King William to atone for the blood spilt. Battle Abbey is open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mar. 31 to Oct. 31, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 1 to Mar. 31. Closed Dec. 24-26. Adults £3.50, children £1.80, family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) £8.80. Call (01424) 773792 for details.

Red Cross sponsors country fair Aug. 16

The American and British Red Cross sponsors a country fair and music festival, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Aug. 16 at the Mildenhall stadium in West Row. Car boot stalls and concession spaces are available. For more information, call Peggy Hand, (01638) 521855 or (01366) 328323.

Recycling drop-off

There is a recycling drop-off point for RAF Feltwell on Cardington Road across from the child care center. Bins are in place for glass bottles, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper and magazines, cardboard, and plastic bottles. For more information, call SSgt. Dave Berdis, Ext. 3988.

Breast cancer prevention class

An oncology-certified registered nurse teaches classes to groups of two-50 people, on breast self-examination, clinical breast exams and mammography at a location of their choice. Classes are 20-30 minutes long and are also available Fridays, 10 a.m., at the Lakenheath wellness center. Call Ext. 6396 to sign up

Substitute teachers needed

The RAF Feltwell Elementary School is hiring substitute teachers for the 1997-98 school year. Teachers should be certified in the United States and have a bachelor of science or bachelor of art degree in another subject area. Pick up an application at the main office, Bldg. 93. Call Ext. 7003/7004 for more information.

Memorial fund established

The base chapel is accepting donations to help the families of the five people involved in a car crash July 18 in Ger-

many. TSgt. Terry Jennings, SSgt. Kevin Sullivan, SrA. Angela Fralick and Hiroko Jackson, wife of a Spangdahlem airman, were killed in the accident. TSgt. Theresa Hall was critically injured. All the airmen

were assigned to Spangdahlem AB, Germany. Donations may be made to the Protestant or Catholic Chaplain Fund and must be dropped off at the chapel no later than 1 p.m. July 27.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Natural disaster in a box

Children play with lava at the youth center's science camp. The youth fair is held this week every day until Friday.

Family Support

Contact the family support center staff at Ext. 3847 for information on the following programs, or e-mail chris.lawson-@lakenheath.af.mil. All classes are held in the family support center unless otherwise noted.

Teen life

A teen life group meets today, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the youth center. The class promotes personal development and coping skills for teens. Topics include self esteem, handling relationships, dating and family communication.

Transition assistance

A four-day transition assistance program meets Monday, 1-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.. The classes

provide training in job-search skills to help military members and their families transition from military to civilian careers.

Out of hock

An out of hock seminar is Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, at the base theater. The class helps participants identify the need to control, reduce and eliminate debts.

Motivating children

Learn practical methods to motivate your

child throughout their development Wednesday, 2-4 p.m., in the small classroom.

Youth life

A youth life group, ages 11-12 years, meets Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the youth center. The group promotes development and coping skills among preteens.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart support group meets from 10 a.m. - noon Fridays at the base chapel. The meeting provides spouses of deployed members with a place to meet for support and information. Children can attend Little Hearts Apart. The program covers topics regarding children's feelings about separation. Activities include letter-writing, arts and crafts and exploring feelings.

What's on at Services

Friday

- ☐ Free-lap swim for active duty members during lap swim. (Ext. 2815)
- ☐ No limits pizza and pasta lunch buffet at Greatest Little Pizza Place, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 2497)
- ☐ Big 50 bowling at Liberty Lanes during open bowling. (Ext. 2108)

Saturday

- ☐ "T.J. McCall" plays at the rod and gun club from 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. (Ext. 2368)
- ☐ Star Trek fest at community center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2221)
- ☐ Intramural softball championship series on fields 3 and 4 (Ext. 3607)

Sunday

- ☐ Sunday breakfast at the officers' club, 8 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 2535)
- ☐ Tee times available at the golf course between 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; open play after 3 p.m. (Ext. 2223)
- ☐ Clay Pigeon Shooting Association and Compac sporting shoot at the rod and gun club today. (Ext. 2368)

Flea Market

The community center's next flea market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 26. Sell your bric-a-brac for \$5 a table. Flea market held outside if weather permits.

Beauty and the Beast

Information, Tickets and Tours sponsors a theaterland special in London to see "Beauty and the Beast" July 28. Transportation and top price seats for this Walt Disney production are £43. This trip is not recommended for children under 6. For more information, call Ext. 2979.

Director of Theater production

Volunteers who would like to direct the Eagles Nest Repertory Company's Autumn production should apply in writing to program director, Stephanie Lown by Aug. 9. Call Ext. 2221 for details.

Hire a Teen

The Lakenheath Youth Program has teens available for mowing grass, washing cars, baby-sitting, cleaning house and miscella-

neous jobs. If you need a teen, call the youth center at Ext. 3180 for details.

Piano and guitar lessons

The youth center offers piano and guitar lessons Fridays, 3:30-7:05 p.m. Sessions run for 30-minute increments and cost \$12 per session. For more information, call Ext. 3180.

Tandem Bike

Equipment Rentals offers tandem bikes. The bikes can be reserved for one day rental-by-deposit. For details, call Ext. 2146.

Super reader's program

The library's Super Reader's Program is underway. The program is designed to reward children who read, either on their own or with their parents help. Reading logs can be picked up at the library. Prizes are awarded based on the number of books read. For details, call Ext. 3713.

Liberty Lanes offers breakfast

Breakfast begins at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday. And, the breakfast menu is available any time except the lunch rush.

For those with late night cravings, the snack bar is open from 6:30 a.m. Thursday until Sunday night at 11 p.m.

Bowling Specials

Liberty Lanes offers specials for everyone this summer. Big 50 bowling kicked off last week. Win a trip for two to Lake Tahoe. Pick-a-price bowling runs until Aug. 25. Pick a color chip between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays and pay that price. Super Summer Spectacular began July 1. Purchase a card for \$25 to bowl 30 games.

Golf Course Steak House

The Golf Course Steak House is now open. Hours of operation are Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 2223.

At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

Friday

7 p.m. - "The Saint" (PG-13) Starring Val Kilmer and Elisabeth Shue. The Saint is a master thief and loner who roams the world in search of loot. When he attempts a job to steal a lady scientist's life work, he and she become entangled in a deadly web of intrigue, thrust into the social upheaval of modern day Russia, the two must combine all their wits to escape with their lives.

9:30 p.m. - "Murder at 1600" (R) Starring Wesley Snipes and Diane Lane. Police detective Wesley Snipes has a very touchy case. A White House employee has been murdered in the workplace and the Secret Service is less than cooperative with the police investigation.

Saturday

4 p.m. - "McHale's Navy" (PG) Starring Tom Arnold. Lt. Commander McHale, a retired Navy man turned entrepreneur, returns to his post in California when the maniacal East German Maj. Vladakov invades a neighboring island.

7 p.m. - "Volcano" (PG-13) Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Anne Heche. Citizens of Los Angeles are prepared for all manner of natural disasters ... except one. A totally unexpected cataclysmic event engulfs the city in flames and molten rock when a crack in the earth's crust erupts in an incredible force of nature that threatens to destroy Hollywood.

9:30 p.m. - "8 Heads In A Duffel Bag" (R) Starring Joe Pesci and Andy Comeau. Tommy is a mob bag man whose delivery of 8 heads is crucial proof of a recent hit. However his duffel bag gets switched at the airport with an identical duffel bag belonging to another passenger named Charlie.

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Saturday

4 p.m. - "Father's Day" (PG-13) Starring Robin Williams and Billy Crystal. A young woman contacts two of her old lovers and convinces both that they are the father of her runaway son to enlist their help in finding him.

7 p.m. - "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion" (R) Starring Mira Sorvino and Lisa Kudrow. With their 10 year high school reunion fast approaching, best friends and party girls Romy and Michele review their lives since high school and are surprised to find them sorely lacking.

They decide to reinvent themselves, concocting fantasies of wealth and success to impress their former classmates.

9:30 p.m. - "Face Off" (R) Starring John Travolta and Nicholas Cage. In this action suspense thriller, John Travolta plays an FBI anti-terrorist agent out to capture Nicholas Cage, who murdered his young son. Travolta assumes Cage's identity with advanced plastic surgery that actually slaps the criminal's face onto his. The real action starts when Cage is able to get loose with the FBI man's face on his head.

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Warriors of Virtue" (PG) Starring Angus MacFayden and Mario Yedidia. An American teenager is suddenly transported through a hidden portal into the Land of Tao, a magical place beyond his wildest imagination. He meets five kung fu masters who are able to harness the forces of nature. They band together to fight the powerful villain Komodo, who seeks to steal the forces of nature.

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9:30 p.m. - "Men In Black" (R) Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith. Working for a top secret government agency, and Smith are the Men In Black, regulators of all things alien on earth. While working on a series of routine and seemingly unrelated close encounters, the MIB team uncovers a deadly intergalactic plot.

Midnight - "Lost World" (PG-13) It's been four years since Jurassic Park ended in disaster. And, it seems the prehistoric creatures have not been wiped out. This time they are turned loose on the world.



Today
Lunch: Beef stew, vegetarian stuffed cabbage rolls, chicken in Dijon sauce
Dinner: Braised beef and noodles, sweet and sour chicken, tamale pie

Saturday
Brunch: Italian -style veal steaks, turkey curry
Supper: Teriyaki chicken, stuffed green peppers, roast beef

Sunday
Brunch: Roast veal, chicken nuggets
Supper: Cajun meat loaf, roast turkey, orange -spiced pork chops

Monday
Lunch: Beef pot roast, chicken ala king, vegetarian stuffed peppers
Dinner: Burritos, Hungarian goulash, vegetable chow mien

Tuesday
Lunch: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, baked chicken, sweet and sour pork
Dinner: Sukiyaki, turkey nuggets, French bread pizza

Wednesday
Lunch: Lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, veal parmesan
Dinner: Ham and tomato mac, turkey risotto, marinated beef casserole

Thursday
Lunch: Ham steaks, El rancho stew, Mexican casserole
Dinner: Buffalo wings, spinach lasagna, herbed baked chicken

Friday
Lunch: Grilled Salisbury steak, baked stuffed pork chops, baked chicken
Dinner: Spaghetti with meat sauce, ginger pot roast, turkey ala king

Intramural standings

Intramural women's softball

As of July 8

Team	W	L
LADY HAWKS	3	1
SILVERBULLETS	0	5
LADY MEDICS	4	1
48 OPS	2	2
48 CES	2	5
MILDENHALL #1	2	2
MISFITS	3	2
MILDENHALL #3	4	2

Intramural softball

Monday-Wednesday-Friday division

As of July 8

Team	W	L
SUPPLY	9	3
LSS/CONS	5	5
CRS AVIONICS	OUT	0
REAPERS	8	3
48 TRANS	3	8
SPS 1	10	1
48 CRS 1	9	2
COMM SQUAD	2	9
MEDICS	10	2
MONEYCLIPPERS	2	8
EMS "AGE"	6	6
ARMS	3	7
OG/INTEL	OUT	9
SPS BADGER	6	3

Intramural softball

Tuesday-Thursday division

As of July 9

Team	W	L
494 FS	8	4
48 SPS EXPRESS	5	6
DENTAL SQ	3	6
48 CRS/LGMD	3	8
48 MSS	3	8
48 SPS/DAWG	4	5
MED TEAM 2	7	4
48 OSS/ATC	5	7
CES	2	9
40 OG/OSS	8	3
492 FS	7	2
AMMO #1	7	2
48 SERVICES	2	8
DSTS	10	2

Intramural basketball

As of July 9

Team	W	L
POSITIVE PLAY	1	0
EMS	0	0
6 ERS	0	0
48 SUPPLY	0	0
RUNNING REBELS	1	0
492 FS	0	1
LIFESAVERS #1	1	0
SYS 5	0	0
CRS	0	0
48 SPS	1	0

Intramural tennis singles

Monday-Wednesday-Friday division

As of July 9

Player	W	L
PATRICK PEASE	0	0
DOUG KIMMEL	0	1
KITZHABER	1	0
JOHNNY CHAPMAN	OUT	0
ROSS BYRNE	1	0
WILLIAM LEE	0	1
STEVE ZEIDERS	1	0
BARBARA	0	0
BILLY SIEBERT II	1	0
EVANS	OUT	1
DAMIEN TORRINEE	1	0
MARGO	0	1

Intramural tennis singles

Tuesday-Thursday division

As of July 9

Player	W	L
C. GRUBBS	0	1
B. THOMAS	1	0
MIKE STROSSEL	1	0
MIKE SEDRICK	1	0
BONNIE BIEL	1	0
SARAH DEJESUS	0	1
MEIGS	1	0
COLLEEN CRANDALL	1	0
DENISE WEBB	0	1
BARBARA MOSELY	0	1
RICHARD CUBBAGE	0	1
MICHAEL SMALL	0	0
R. HOCKADAY	0	0
R. CANADAY (OUT)	0	0
PAUL MAJOR	0	0



Slide

Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Money Clipper Brian Renfro slides into third base as Security Forces Team 1 third baseman Bob Wiles watches the ball slip away during Monday night intramural softball action. The law enforcers won the contest, 18-4.

Sports Shorts

Soccer tryouts

The Liberty football club begins practice Tuesday. Practices will be 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should call Jim Nix at Ext. 1419, or (01842) 762481.

Players taking part in the USAFE soccer tournament are exempt from practice until Aug. 5.

Coaches' class

All volunteer coaches who want to coach in the upcoming 1997 flag football season need to attend the coaches certification class on one of the following dates:

□ Level 1 - Tuesday-Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. at Mildenhall American Youth Association (must attend both classes).

□ Level 2 - July 25, 6-9 p.m. at Mildenhall AYA.

□ Level 3 - July 28, 6-9 p.m. at Mildenhall AYA.

Call Gary at (01638) 542-990 to register.

Flag football registration

Registration for flag football at RAF Mildenhall ends Aug. 16. Children 5 - 18 are eligible. A registration booth will be at the base exchange from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday. Registration fees are \$25 for the first child and

\$20 for each additional child in the same family. For more information, call 89-2990

Golf qualifier

The golf course is holding the UK golf qualifier for the USAFE championships Saturday and Sunday. There are three divisions: ladies, men's and men's seniors. This event is open to active duty personnel and spouses. Only active duty go forward to championships. For details call Ext. 2223.

Legends of baseball

The fitness center hosts the "Legends of Baseball" July 27. Len Barker, Milwaukee Brewers and Von Hayes, California Angels, will sign autographs at the commissary from noon-2 p.m., have lunch at the Marauder Sports Lounge, lead a youth baseball clinic from 3:30-5 p.m., and play a game from 5:30-8 p.m. on fields three and four. There will be a barbecue after the game. For more information, call Ext. 3607.

Intramural softball champion

Lakenheath's championship series will be played on fields three and four, best two games out of three, Saturday. There will be a homerun derby and all-star game. For details, call Ext. 3607.